

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:  
a plurality of source components each adapted to provide A/V program data;  
a presentation device adapted to present A/V program data to a user; and  
a sink component communicatively coupled to each of the source components, the sink component adapted to present to the user an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components to enable the user to select particular A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components for presentation on the presentation device.
2. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to decode the selected A/V program data.
3. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to obtain the selected A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components and transfer the selected A/V program data to the presentation device in real-time.
4. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to filter the aggregated A/V program data listing based on a format of the available A/V program data.
5. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register each of the plurality of source components with the sink component.
6. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to obtain the selected A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components via at least one of a plurality of different types of communication networks.
7. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to identify a format of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

8. The system of Claim 1, wherein at least one of the source components is at least one of the group consisting of a satellite receiver source component, a digital versatile disk (DVD) source component, a cable source component, a computer, and a compact disc (CD) source component.

9. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to filter the aggregated A/V program data listing.

10. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to filter the aggregated A/V program data listing based on a type of the presentation device.

11. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to perform a registration operation to register the presentation device with the sink component.

12. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to display the aggregated A/V program data listing on the presentation device.

13. The system of Claim 1, wherein the sink component is adapted to transparently display the aggregated A/V program data listing to the user relative to a source of the A/V program data.

14. An audio/video (A/V) component networking method, comprising:  
accessing, via a sink component, each of a plurality of source components, each source component adapted to provide A/V program data; and  
presenting to a user an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components to enable the user to select particular A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components for presentation on a presentation device.

15. The method of Claim 14, further comprising performing a registration operation to register each of the plurality of source components with the sink component.

16. The method of Claim 14, further comprising performing a registration operation to register a format of A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components.

17. The method of Claim 14, further comprising decoding the A/V program data selected by the user for presentation on the presentation device.

18. The method of Claim 14, further comprising performing a registration operation to register a type of the presentation device with the sink component.

19. The method of Claim 14, further comprising performing a registration operation to register at least one type of communication network for transferring the A/V program data selected by the user from the corresponding source component to the sink component.

20. The method of Claim 14, wherein presenting the aggregated listing of A/V program data comprises displaying the aggregated listing of the available A/V program data on the presentation device.

21. The method of Claim 14, further comprising filtering the aggregated listing of A/V program data based on a format of the available A/V program data.

22. The method of Claim 14, further comprising filtering the aggregated listing of A/V program data based on a type of the presentation device.

23. The method of Claim 14, wherein presenting to a user an aggregated listing comprises transparently presenting to the user the aggregated listing of A/V program data relative to a source of the A/V program data.

24. An audio/video (A/V) component networking system, comprising:  
means for accessing, via a sink component, a plurality of source components, each of the plurality of source components adapted to provide A/V program data; and  
means for presenting to a user an aggregated listing of the A/V program data available from each of the plurality of source components to enable the user to select particular A/V program data from at least one of the plurality of source components for presentation on a presentation device.

25. The system of Claim 24, further comprising means for registering each of the plurality of source components with the sink component.

26. The system Claim 24, further comprising means for filtering the aggregated listing of available A/V program data based on a format of the A/V program data.

27. The system Claim 24, further comprising means for filtering the aggregated listing of available A/V program data based on a type of the presentation device.

28. The system of Claim 24, further comprising means for displaying the aggregated listing of available A/V program data on the presentation device.